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300 Students learn about Geology at Lava Beds: With help from the National Park Foundation

Tulelake, CA— Lava Beds hosted its second *Geology Days* event on September 25 and 26. During the event seven area schools brought over 300 students to Lava Beds National Monument as part of a two-day geology themed field trip. Students traveled back through time on a tour of Valentine cave, observed small scale volcanic eruptions, got hands-on with the rock cycle and plate tectonics, and learned about the forces that shape planet Earth.

Lava Beds is known for its remarkable geologic features related to the Medicine Lake Volcano. However, students not only learned about volcanoes, but the wider world of geology as a whole. This was a great opportunity for children of all ages, and parents as well, to learn more about the planet on which we live in an interactive, fun, and real-world environment. To learn more about Lava Beds visit our website at www.nps.gov/labe.

Transportation was made possible by the National Park Foundation. Lava Beds National Monument was one of 65 national parks selected to receive a 2014 Ticket to Ride grant from the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's national parks. Now in its third year, the Ticket to Ride program provides much-needed funds to make national park field trips possible for schools across the country.

"We know that one of the greatest barriers keeping America's youth from visiting their national parks is access to transportation," said Neil Mulholland, president and CEO of the National Park Foundation. "Through our Ticket to Ride program, we eliminate that barrier and open up a world of experiential learning in our nation's largest classrooms – our national parks – and help inspire stewardship of these treasured places."

For the full list of park grantees, and their projects, visit the National Park Foundation website, www.nationalparks.org.

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

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For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8113, email labe_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/labe. Also, visit the parks Facebook and Twitter pages.

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